



Mini-Grant Application

“YOUth Can!”

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Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grant Application:

Thank you for your interest

What: ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, is making funding available to organizations, schools, programs and institutions to develop, coordinate and implement small projects that will engage Nebraska youths in service to their local communities in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. Applications should address this year's theme: "YOUth Can!" Our goal is to include as many youth as possible and help them build a strong service and service-learning foundation. Details on Global Youth Service Day can be found here: <http://gysd.org/>

Your application should support Nebraska youth in local one-day or continuous service projects with a service-learning component. Please submit a full application (attached), including a detailed proposed budget and project description. The complete application should not be longer than five (5) pages.

There are two pools of funding available – one for efforts benefiting any Nebraska youth and the other specifically focused on engaging youth with disabilities. Please state which pool of funds you are applying for within your application. ***The mini-grant awards for both pools will be capped at \$500.00.***

Deadline: To apply for a ServeNebraska Global Youth Service Day mini-grant, please complete and return the attached application form no later than **Monday, March 15, 2010 at 5:00 pm CST** to Greg Donovan at greg.donovan@nebraska.gov . If email submission is not an option, hard copies by fax [402-471-6249] or delivery/mail to:

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Selection Criteria: Projects may be chosen based on the following criteria: number of engaged youth volunteers; cost-effectiveness; location; and proposed impact. Preference will be given to projects with multiple funding sources; projects that engage and/or serve individuals with disabilities, particularly children; projects that occur in central - and/or western - Nebraska; and projects that have a cost-per-youth ratio of \$1.00 per 1 youth or better. Applicants are encouraged to provide matching funds (cash and/or In-kind). Please provide information in the budget portion of the application about intended match resources. ServeNebraska reserves the right to award partial funding based on the applicants proposed budget and project description.

Allowable use of funds: Funds are limited and meant to be used for direct programming needs. Allowable uses of funds are project materials, transportation for participants, food, beverages and other necessary refreshments, venue or material rentals. Funds may not be used to cover personnel costs.

Reporting: If you are chosen for a mini-grant award you will be required to provide service data, including the number of youth engaged, number of service beneficiaries, and items created as applicable. Additionally, you will be required to submit a one-page project summary narrative at the conclusion of the Global Youth Service Day activity.



2010 Global Youth Service Day Mini Grant Application

1. Contact Information

Contact Name: David Burgess

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Youth Contact Person: TBA

Age: **Email:**

2. Project Details

Organization Type: (Select all that apply)

☐ Faith-based

☒ Non-profit

☐ Government

☐ Education

☐ Club

☐ Business

☐ Other:

Which pool of funding are you applying for:

☒ Disability Inclusion Youth Service

☐ Youth Service

Community Served: OPS Students with disabilities

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics): The participants with disabilities will be under the age of 21 years. The youth volunteers are largely high school students that participate in youth groups that regularly volunteer for SANDS events.

Expected Number of Volunteers: 16

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers: 12

3. Please describe your Youth Service Day Project plan and how it is applicable to the "YOUth Can!" theme:

The project shows the empowerment of the young individual to impact lives on a one-to-one basis. This on-going event (now in its third year) grows out of an MMI AmeriCorps alumnus's recognition of a community need and his ability to affect change through an idea's realization.

After experiencing the onset of his own disability and joining MMI AmeriCorps, David Burgess, SANDS' founder and director, realized the challenges confronting him as a wheelchair user who wished to enjoy the outdoors with the same level of satisfaction afforded a person without a disability. He



recognized the need for a network that would allow individuals experiencing disabilities to partner with compatible able-bodied sportspeople (referred to as “mentors”) to enjoy the outdoors and each other’s camaraderie. In 2004, he co-founded SANDS (Sportsmen Assisting Nebraska’s Disabled Sportsmen- later changing *Nebraska’s* to *Nation’s* as the program grew nationally), through a collaborative effort between the MMI Psychology Department, MMI AmeriCorps, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. SANDS’ overarching goal is to provide opportunities through networking, awareness outreach, barrier-removal and education so that individuals with disabilities can enjoy outdoor sports such as fishing, boating, camping, astronomy, etc. as they please.

This event takes place over 2 days in May. Approximately 35 participants will be served per day (total 70) free of charge for 3 1/2 hours of accessible dock fishing with volunteers that will help them will any aspect of the sport they require. All needed accessible equipment and supplies will be provided.

4. Project Location (Complete Address): Weirspan Lake (Chalco Hills) in Omaha.

5. Does your project include a Service-Learning approach: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe:

6. If your project includes youth with disabilities or focuses on serving those with disabilities, describe how: This project is entirely geared toward children with disabilities.

7. Does your project plan to engage youth not normally asked to serve: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

8. How will your project meet the needs of your community: Children with physical and developmental disabilities rarely have the opportunity to enjoy outdoor events in a barrier-free environment. This annual event allows these children a time and place to enjoying fishing (sometimes for the first time) with the level of assistance they need to complete the activity successfully (ie have **fun**).

9. Day(s) completing service: ☐ April 23 ☐ April 24 ☐ April 25 ☒ May 11 & 12th

10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project: SANDS has an extensive database of past volunteers and youth groups (such as the Boys Scouts) that it will utilize to solicit this year’s volunteers.

11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles: Youth take leadership roles in assisting the children with disabilities to complete their activities. Leadership qualities such as maturity, patience and attention to detail are needed when volunteering with this population due to the individualized needs of those being assisted.

12. How many youth are involved in the planning of this service project: Unknown

13. Is this project a collaboration with another service day: ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, which one(s) and with whom:



14. What supplies or resources will be necessary to complete this project:

- A. Fishing equipment
- B. Bait
- C. Bottled water
- D. Ice chest to transport and store water
- E. 70 tackle boxes
- F. Transportation for participants

15. What is the plan for participant and volunteer transportation to the project location?

Omaha Public Schools will provide suitably equipped buses to transport to and from the lake.

16. How will you track numbers of volunteers and volunteer service hours: Several sign up sheets will help coordinators track the volunteers and number of volunteer hours.

17. What will the end result of your project be: OPS students with disabilities will have an opportunity to fish and enjoy barrier-free outdoor recreation. This opportunity is rarely afforded these children outside of the service provided by SANDS.

18. How will you know your project was a success: This is the third year SANDS has collaborated with OPS to bring this program to their students with disabilities. OPS's eagerness to collaborate on an yearly basis demonstrates the success of the last two annual events. This year's success will be measured by feedback from OPS staff and students and their willingness to continue to partner in future fishing events.

Budget Summary (Be as detailed as possible)

1. Please present the full budget for the project, highlighting other sources of funds.

Materials/ Supplies:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Fishing equipment		\$350.00	Inkind contribution from the Ak-sar-ben Aquarium	\$350.00
Ice chest for water	\$40.00			\$40.00
Tackle Boxes for participants	360.00	\$315.00	Cash donation from SANDS sponsor (TBA)	\$675.00
<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$400.00	\$665.00		\$1,065.00.



Travel (mileage, food costs):

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Transportation		\$350.00	First Student (OPS) In Kind Contribution	\$350.00
Bottled Water	\$100.00			\$100.00
Sub-Total	\$100.00	\$350.00		\$450.00

Other:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Hats for participants and volunteers (100)		\$500.00	Cabela's In Kind Contribution	\$500.00
Sub-Total	\$00.00	500.00		\$500.00

Total:	\$500.00	\$1,515.00		\$2,015.00
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2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the requested funds are necessary for the success of this project.

This project has a lot of in kind support. OPS is donating the transportation, Cabela's is donating the hats needed to keep the participants and volunteers cool and the Ak-sar-ben Aquarium is donating (on loan) all of the fishing poles and other tackle supplies. However, the participants need tackle boxes to store their supplies as they are using there. After the event, SANDS will be donating the boxes to the participants in order to encourage them to continue fishing with family members for their own outdoor enjoyment. In addition, water is needed to keep the participants and volunteers hydrated while they are outdoors.